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Banks.

NOTICE

RALES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation as fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
F. DE BOVIS,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 764

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$8,168,002.50
RESERVE FUND \$6,482,127.20
RESERVE LIABILITY OF \$8,108,002.50
PROVISIONS \$8,108,002.50

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
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Local Bills Discounted.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £550,000.

LONDON: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
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E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

Intimations.

NOTICE

M. R. KENNEDY begs to inform the CONSTITUENTS of HONGKONG that his OMNIBUSES have COMMENCED to RUN DAILY, leaving the Clock Tower for the Race Course at 5.45.

He has 10 in ALL, but at present ONLY 3 READY; when all are ready, he intends running them Regularly, between East and West Points also to Quarry Bay.

The OMNIBUSES were built in ENGLAND, by one of the Best Builders, and are fitted with every comfort.

Hongkong, February 5, 1891. 241

THE HONGKONG BRICK & CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

N OTICE is hereby given that a CALL of \$3 per Share in the above Company is PAYABLE THIS DAY, the 5th day of February, 1891; and that all Persons not having paid the amount of their CALL will be charged INTEREST at the Rate of 6½ Per Cent. per Annum from due date until Payment, in accordance with the Articles of Association.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, dated February 5, 1891. 4

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

A 'PIKE UP' will be commenced at 11 A.M. on SATURDAY, the 7th Inst. Members wishing to play will please sign their Names on the List lying on the Club ANTEROOM or on the one in the CRICKET PAVILION, or before 5 p.m. on Friday, the 6th instant.

ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 237

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, at Twelve (12) Clock (noon), on SATURDAY, the 7th February next, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 29th January to 7th February, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 18, 1891. 118

A. G. GORDON & Co., LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on SATURDAY, the 7th February next, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1890.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 27th January to 7th February next, both days inclusive.

By Order,

A. G. GORDON,
General Manager.

Hongkong, January 20, 1891. 174

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Business Notices.

NOTICE

SEAN & CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A NEW LOT OF

FELT HATS

(WEIGHT 4 OZ.)

WALKING STICKS AND UMBRELLAS.

HOSIERY AND OUTFITTING.

NEW SCARFS AND CRAVATS.

MORNING AND EVENING GLOVES.

SHIRTS, COLLARS AND HANDKERCHIEFS.

CARDIGAN JACKETS (SILK SLEEVES).

SADDLERY AND STABLE REQUISITES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

TAILORS, GENERAL OUTFITTERS, &c.

(OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL.)

Hongkong, January 8, 1891.

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

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THE FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN'S STATION, from the 20th day of the 12th Month to the 6th day of the 1st Month, at 10 a.m. (7th to 14th February), and during that period all Shipments, Dispatches and Examination of Cargo will be suspended.

J. McLEAVY BROWN,
Commissioner of Customs, &c.

Hongkong, February 2, 1891. 221

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 6 PER CENT. or \$1.20 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held THIS DAY, will be PAYABLE ON THE 1ST MARCH, 1891, to all Persons whose Names appear on the Register of Shareholders on and after SATURDAY, the 31st Instant.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at the OFFICE of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 30, 1891. 206

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,

LIMITED.

To Let.

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N O. 4, WEST TERRACE.
Entry, 1st March.
Apply to G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central,
Hongkong, February 4, 1891. 240

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.
TO LET.

THE Suite of OFFICES on the First Floor of the Company's Premises in No. 10, Queen's Road, at present occupied by Messrs. Holliday, Winst & Co., with entrance from Queen's Road. Possession from 1st March next.

ONE GODOWN on the GROUND FLOOR which can be let in connection with the above Office, or separately as desired.

For Full Particulars apply to the MANAGER at the Depot, or to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 27, 1890. 167

TO LET.

With Immediate Possession.

T HE MARINE HOTEL, situated on the Peak, opposite the old P. & O. Wharf, comprising 22 Bed-Rooms, DINING-ROOM, BILLIARD-ROOM, BAR, &c.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
Hongkong, December 16, 1890. 2165

TO BE LET.

A FIVE-ROOMED HOUSE, No. 3, 'WILD BELL BUILDINGS,' Wan Chai Road (opposite Battery).
No. 1 (corner House facing East) and No. 6 (corner House facing West), RICHMOND TERRACE.—The former with Conservatory and Tennis Lawn. Each House contains Six Good Rooms and is pleasantly situated.

Apply to HENRY HUMPHREYS,
Secretary,
Humphrey's Estate and Finance
Company, Limited.
Hongkong, December 30, 1890.

TO BE LET OR SOLD,
On favourable terms, with Immediate
Possession.

EIGHT HOUSES at 'MOUNTAIN VIEW,' Peak District, near Plunkett's Gap. If sold, part of the Purchase money can remain on Mortgage.

Apply to JOHN A. JUDD,
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The Austin Arms Hotel and
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Hongkong, October 4, 1890. 2262

KOWLOON.

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Possession from 1st February.

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Hongkong, January 3, 1891. 30

TO LET.

B LUE BUILDINGS.—
GROUND FLOOR of No. 2.
FIRST FLOOR of No. 3.
SECOND FLOOR, No. 3 (Possession, 1st March).

MAGAZINE GAP.—TWO SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES. Rent, \$45 each.

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Hongkong, January 31, 1891. 219

TO BE LET AT THE PEAK.

O N Reasonable Terms, 'CRAIGIE-BURN,' containing DINING, DRAWING, RECEPTION ROOMS, OFFICES and 20 BED-ROOMS, with TWO TENNIS COURSES.

Apply to THE SECRETARY,
Peak Hotel and Trading Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 11, 1890. 2114

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N O. 9 & 11, SEYMOUR TERRACE,
No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET,
ROOMS in COLEMAN CHAMBERS in CONNAUGHT HOUSE, Queen's Road Central.
OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS.
No. 3, GOUGH HILL, The Peak—FURNISHED.

No. 2, PEDDER'S HILL.
Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.
Hongkong, February 2, 1891. 231

TO LET.

G OLDWYN'S, BLUE BUILDINGS.
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Hongkong, December 24, 1890. 2225

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Entertainments.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

'THE GONDOLERS.'

The Society will give THREE PERFORMANCES OF THIS OPERA on the following dates, commencing EACH EVENING, at 9 p.m. precisely, SATURDAY, 7th February.

MONDAY, 9th February.

SATURDAY, 14th February.

Seats may be booked at LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., PRICE, \$20 EACH.

Tickets sold at the door of the Theatre. Dress Circle, and Stalls, \$2.00 each. Box Seats, \$1.00 each. Soldiers, Sailors and Police in uniform half-price to the Box Seats.

N.B.—Books of the Words of the Opera may be had of MESSRS. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Price, 50 Cents.

SPECIAL TRAM-CARS will run as follows:—

Down. Up.
Saturday, 7th Feb. 8.30 (15 mins. after do. 14th do.) 8.45 (of Gondoliers.

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To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, OHFFOO, HANKOW and Port in the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship

Viking.

Captain BRADLEY, will be despatched as above TOMORROW, the 8th Instant, at 4 p.m. instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 6, 1891. 244

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship

Haian.

Captain BRADLEY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1891. 249

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship

Lion.

Capt. SWINNEY, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 8th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1891. 250

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for

any Debt contracted by the Officers or

Crew of the following Vessels, during

their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ADMIRAL, British barque, Capt. Munro—Wieland & Co.

ARONTO, British steamer, Captain F. Marshall—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

B. P. CHENEY, American ship, Capt. C. E. Humphreys—Russell & Co.

DOROTHY, British barque, Captain A. C. Gibb—Livingston & Co.

JOHN BURLEY, American barquentine, Captain F. P. Shepherd—Master.

LANDSKRONA, British barque, Capt. Jas. W. Boyd—Jardine, Mathews & Co.

LUYAC, American ship, Capt. C. M. Nichols—Carloway & Co.

STERLING, American ship, Geo. W. Goodwin—Russell & Co.

VILGANT, American ship, Captain F. C. Bailey—Order.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 5, 1891.—

Alwina, German str., 40, A. Bonizien, Hohenzollern February 3, General—WIELAND & CO.

Edendale, British steamer, 1,560, R. Humfrey, Ketchinotzu January 30, Coal—MITSUBISHI.

Doris, German steamer, 771, F. Raben, Deli January 29, General—WIELAND & CO.

Yikang, British steamer, from Whampoa.

DEPARTURES.

February 5.—

Formosa, for Swatow.

THE CHINA MAIL

has the form. Gas had no early tentative beginning. The great question to be decided is whether ordinary care or the light is safe. It is claimed that the rules of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company constitute a reliable safeguard against all the danger incident to the use of electricity. If these rules or similar rules were not observed in Japan—and such does not seem to have been the case—the configuration only ensures the lesson of carelessness, without which accidents will happen in connection with every contrivance.

Cochin-China is now beginning to enjoy the full advantages of the protective tariffs forced on it by the parliament in Paris, or rather by the interested manufacturers who control the actions of the deputes and senators. The hated foreign trade has been curtailed about 20 per cent., and the colonists have now the benefit of being supplied with 2 per cent. more of French-made articles. We have no doubt their patriotic boasts are swelling with gratitude for the protection vouchsafed to them, and that they look forward to the speedy arrival of the happy time when the trade with France will exceed that with foreign countries. Whether that wished-for result is secured before trade is reduced to the vanishing point does not concern much matter, as long as the French functionary is able to subsist and gets sufficient salary to purchase a cigarette. At the rate of progress shown in 1889 the golden era of Indo-China cannot be far distant. The value of the total trade diminished from fr. 140,000,000 to fr. 117,000,000, while the percentage of French trade increased from 15 to 17. In other words foreign trade decreased 22 millions, while French trade only decreased one million. Unless therefore the electors of France should take it into their heads to choose representatives who know the elementary principles of political economy, some five years hence French manufacturers will be able to boast that they have succeeded in obtaining half the trade of Indo-China, which will then amount to something less than fr. 30,000,000.

The Foreign Office contemplates making a change in the Consular Service of China. The duties of Consul General in Shanghai are, it is said, to be joined with those of Chief Judge of the Supreme Court, while the Assistant Judge will be called upon to act as Consul. One large and perhaps several smaller salaries will thus be saved and there may result a simplification of work. Our contemporary the *N.O. Daily News* condemns the change, but the arguments it brings forward are not very weighty. The first objection is that the post of Consul General is put beyond the reach of the younger members of the service, and that thus one of the few inducements to work on patiently is withdrawn. But this objection is based on the vicious principle that posts exist as "prizes" for men and not for posts. If it is expedient that the Consul Generalship at Shanghai should be incorporated with the Chief Judgeship, the service must just adapt itself to the change. But it does not follow that by the change introduced the post of Consul General is removed beyond the reach of the younger members of the service. Many of the Consuls now go through a course of legal training and are called to the bar, and although this may not fit them for filling at once the post of Chief Judge, it ought to put the position within their reach. There is the example of Mr. Geo. Jamieson, who was for some time Assistant Judge in Shanghai, and who acted as Judge at Yokohama during the absence of Justice Hanner. Our northern contemporary also raises the objection that the Chief Judge might, as probably would, be ignorant of the Chinese language and customs, and that he might be the victim of petty slights on the part of the mandarins. It certainly would be great loss if neither the Consul General nor the Consul were acquainted with the "seas that lurk in Chinese despatches," but it does not follow that both ought to be steeped in Chinese literature and thought. In fact it might be a distinct gain if one of them remained unacquainted so that the British side of every question might be thoroughly represented. Sinologists do not always succeed best with the Chinese. But the goodness or badness of the change depends entirely upon the men who are selected to fill the double posts. It is more a question of men than of functions.

TELEGRAMS.

(Via Southern Line.)

[SUPPLIED TO THE CHINA MAIL.]

THE BEHRING STRAITS DIFFICULTY.

London, Feb. 3rd.

The Supreme Court of the United States has admitted Britain's right to appeal in the *Seyard* case.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUET CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Strathmore*, Dec. 12; *Athena*, 19; *Stentor*, 30; *Tellus*, Jan. 6; *G. Collingham*, 9; *Castor*, *Patriot*, *Stalwart*, 13; *Nayels*, 16; *Jason*, *Tower*, *Colonel*, 23; *Glenage*, *Nedcar*, *Hempshire*, *Bendigo*, 23; *Daphne*, *Amstelviken Head*, 30.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—*Yorkshire*, Jan. 6; *Doncast*, 9; *Glamorgan*, 13; *Electra*, *Monmouthshire*, *Glenaray*, *Hector*, 16; *Achilles*, *Frigga*, *Utrecht*, 20; *Titan*, 23; *Cyclone*, *Dianach*, *Shanghai*, *Yarrow*, *Thames*, 21.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s *a. s.* *City of Peking*, with the *AMERICAN MAIL* of Jan. 10, leaves Yokohama on Wednesday, the 4th Feb., a midnight, and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, February 12. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Dec. 4.

The Canadian Pacific's *s.s.* *Abyssinia* left Vancouver for Japan, &c., on the 27th Jan.

The *s.s. Queen Elizabeth*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on Jan. 28th, and may be expected here on or about Feb. 4.

The China Shippers Mutual S. N. Co.'s *s.s. Kemun*, from Middlesborough and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 29th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 5th Feb.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Nestor*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 2nd Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 9th Feb.

The *s.s. Japan*, with mails, &c., from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 5th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 12th Feb.

The F. & O. S. *s.s. Custer* left London for this port on the 24th Jan.

THERE will be a game of Polo at Causeway Bay at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow, Friday, the 9th Inst.

Messrs David Sassoon, Sons & Co. inform us that the *s.s. Japan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port to-day.

The M. M. Co.'s *s.s. Natal*, with the French Mail of 8th January, left Singapore on Thursday, the 5th inst., at 0.30 a.m. and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 12th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 4th December.

The romance of the late Dr Schliemann's domestic life is both original and interesting, says a contemporary. From his first wife Dr Schliemann having become a naturalized American obtained a divorce in the United States. This was then won in quest of a lady who should be a positing of his ambitions and share with him the glory of the Homeric discovery which he hoped to make. So a lady was at last discovered in Athens, and a match was arranged in Greek fashion between her father and the antiquarian. The lady was only seventeen at the time, but the Doctor, though more than double that age, was rich enough to overcome all objections. One of the clauses of the contract was that the lady should improve her knowledge of Homer by learning and reciting the Iliad of the "Iliad" nightly. The ordeal was a severe one for the bride, but the marriage was a success, and that neither tears nor entreaties ever induced him to let her off a single line.

Mr Edison, in a recent conversation with an interviewer, exposed his views with regard to the possibility of inventing a flying-machine, as follows:—"I have," he said, "made some experiments and given some thought to the invention. The only body offers a good model to copy from, but when you come to more highly organized creatures the mimic would be much more complicated. The bird would be built entirely by the strength of its wings, which are small in proportion to its body, and is assisted by feathers or by the wind as birds are. But it requires a greater weight than its own body, and a flying-machine on the same principle would only carry one person. Perhaps such a machine might be invented, but even that would need great propelling force. The wings of a flying-machine, to admit of quick movement, would have to be small. Bird-wings, of course, are arranged on a different principle. Look at the seagull, for instance. 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